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(B) USNATO 7082 (DTG 201743Z JUL 78)
(C) STATE 147632 (DTG 092339Z JUN 78)

1. WE FIND FIRST DRAFT OF SHORT TERM MEASURES REPORT
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(REF A) NOT ADEQUATELY STRUCTURED TO SUPPORT TASK OF
PERMREP AND MINISTERIAL ADDRESSAL OF SHORT TERM MEASURES.
IN OUR VIEW SUBSTANTIAL REDRAFTING IS DESIRABLE. WE ALSO
FIND DRAFT INCONSISTENT WITH MANDATE LAID OUT IN LAST
SENTENCE OF PARA 5 OF FREDERIKSHAVN FOLLOW-UP REPORT, AS
YOU POINT OUT. DRAFT ALSO RANGES TOO FAR AFIELD INTO
QUESTIONS OF ARMS CONTROL AND ;LG MATTERS. FINALLY WE

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0ELIEVE APPROACH TAKEN IN DRAFT COULD HAVE PERMREPS
RENDER JUDGMENTS WHICH DIFFER FROM NATIONAL VIEWS.

2. WE BELIEVE A REVISED DRAFT WHICH WOULD PERMIT CLEAR
FOCUS ON SHORT TERM MEASURES THEMSELVES WOULD 0ETT-R
CREATE INCENTIVES FOR ACTION THAN MORE GENERAL APPROACH
TAKEN IN PRESENT FIRST DRAFT. WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THEREFORE THAT A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO DRAFTING 0E TAKEN .
IN OUR VIEW, SECOND DRAFT SHOULD, PER FREDERIKSHAVEN
FOLLOW-UP REPORT,

SIMPLY RESTATE EACH MEASURE AND THE PURPOSE IT IS
SUPPOSED TO SERVE, COMPILE NATIONAL VIEWS EXPRESSED
TO DATE OD EACH OF THE MEASURES, AND INCLUDE ANY
VIEWS EXPRESSED TO DATE IN STAFF GROUP ON ECONOMIC,
FINANCIAL, ARMS CONTROL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF
EACH MEASURE IN TURN, INCLUDING WHETHER FURTHER
ACTION MUST BE DEFERRED PENDING FURTHER HLG
EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM MODERNIZATION. THIS
APPROACH WOULD SERVE THE AIM OF LAYING OUT
COMPLETELY FOR PERMREPS AND MINISTERS THE NATIONAL
POSITIONS ON EACH OF THE PROPOSED MEASURES. WE BELIEVE
THIS APPROACH WILL SERVE TO PROMOTE FURTHER PRACTICAL
ACTION ON THE MEASURES IN A WAY WHICH COULD NOT BE
SERVED BY A MORE GENERAL REPORT. IT WOULD ALSO GREATLY
ASSIST IN OUR OWN FURTHER ADDRESSAL
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OF THE MEASURES.

3. TO ASSIST IN DRAFTING, YOU MAY CIRCULATE PREVIOUS
US VIEWS (REF C) IN WRITING.

4. OUR REVIEW OF SACEUR'S ADM STUDY HAS NOT BEEN
COMPLETED, AND WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING WAYS TO
ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM DETERRENT IMPLICATIONS STUDY
CALLED FOR ON DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS. THEREFORE, NO
REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO ADMS IN THIS REPORT SAVE
FOR BRIEF REFERENCE TO ONGOING STUDIES.

5. IT OULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR NPG TO VENTURE INTO
ARMS COHTROL MATTERS. REFERENCES TO ARMS CONTROL
SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNLES; ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND
ANY SUCH REFERENCES SHOULD BE CONFINED TO SIMPLE
STATEMENT THAT A GIVEN MEASURE IS NOT IDCONSISTENT
WITH EXISTING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.

6. US HAS MANDATE TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE COMMENT
UNDER THE STOCKPILE MEASURE. SECTION SHOULD BE LEFT
BLANK PENDING US ,ROVISION OF DRAFT TEXT. WE SHOULD HAVE

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THIS AVAILABLE CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN THE EDD
OF AUGUST. FURTHER US VIEWS ON CERTAIN MEASURES,
AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL A, WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO
DEVELOP. WE WILL NOT HAVE SUCH VIEWS BY JULY 31.

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